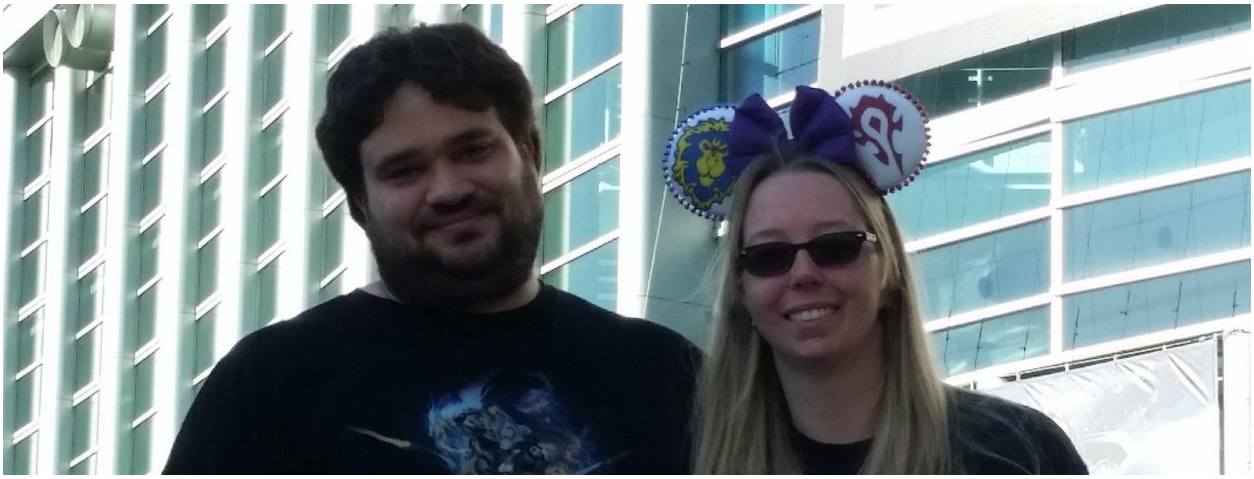

Kyleia is October’s Ambassador of the Month!

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It’s October and we have a new Ambassador of the Month! Please welcome Kyleia!

Kyleia has been a gamer since childhood and brings a love for gaming in all shapes and forms to the Xbox Ambassadors Program. She literally grew up on gaming, first playing Duck Hunt and Super Mario on the NES. Find out more about her below and be sure to say hi if you see her in Xbox spaces.

How did gaming become one of your passions?

I’ve been a gamer most of my life. As a young impressionable child, my dad brought home an NES and we spent many hours playing Mario & Duck Hunt on it. I think that’s what really started it all. As I grew older, I played a lot of Sonic on Genesis with my little brother, not to mention being totally addicted to platformers and Final Fantasy 7 on PS1. I’ve had pretty much every console since then and have no intentions of stopping!

What’s your favorite video game or franchise, and why?

Do I have to pick just one? World of Warcraft has been a longtime love of mine for 17 years now. There's always so much to do, such an engaging story, and I've met some of my closest friends in the world on it. I even had a World of Warcraft themed wedding! Close behind are the Spyro series for its fantastic platforming, and Sea of Thieves because every time you set sail it's a unique adventure.

How long have you been an Xbox Ambassador for, and how did you first hear about the program?

I've been an Xbox Ambassador for about a decade now. I first heard of it when Ambassadors were doing 'Enforcement United' and 'Help Chats' as a way to help the community. I worked at Gamestop at the time and really enjoyed having another opportunity to be there for people. It was great finding additional outlets to put my knowledge to use.

Do you have a favorite Xbox Ambassadors memory that you'd like to share?

Yes, it's quite silly actually! I had hopped off at an island in Sea of Thieves to turn in a Cannonball Crate and was one short. A ship was pulling up to the island and saw a mermaid, indicating someone was there, so they were very cautious about stopping. I ran along the dock desperately begging for a single cannonball- and while I'm pretty sure they thought I was insane, one of the folks (P RAZ86) was an Ambassador and he helped me out. We became quick friends and play together regularly now.

For you, what's the most important line of the Xbox Ambassador Pledge and why?

"Promote a safe gaming environment that everyone can enjoy" – I've been on Xbox since there was an Xbox, and as a female gamer have seen my share of rough patches. What's most important to me is being a positive force to make sure that no matter your age, gender, creed or anything else that you know that Xbox is a safe space to play however (and whatever) you like

What does a healthy community mean to you?

I think that there are several pillars of a healthy community, but a few that definitely come to mind are: 1) Being supportive of what, and how people want to play 2) Be welcoming and accessible to anyone and everyone who wants to be there 3) Any community member can feel safe to ask for help or guidance without fear of being ostracized.

How do you think online communities positively impact the lives of gamers?

I think online communities are crucial in providing a safe space for like minded people to make friends, find people to play with, chat, get support, and just know that they aren’t alone. I’d be absolutely lost without the communities I am a part of (like Keelhauled for Sea of Thieves).

What do you like to do outside of gaming?

I adore doing various kinds of arts and crafts; 3-D wood builds, book nooks, miniature dollhouses, diamond painting, ship builds, jigsaw puzzles and LEGO kits. I also enjoy competitive putt-putt with my husband, and occasionally TALK about gaming with my friends on a podcast called Destination Indie, which is all about Indie Games on Xbox Game Pass!

As Ambassador of the Month, what message do you have for other members of the Xbox Ambassadors community?

Be the change you want to see in the world! I know that sounds corny, but that’s what it’s all about, right? Our job as Ambassadors is to be a positive force in the Xbox Community and it’s all through our actions and interactions with other people. Don’t be afraid to put yourself out there, you’ll never know who you’ll meet running down a pier asking for a cannonball.